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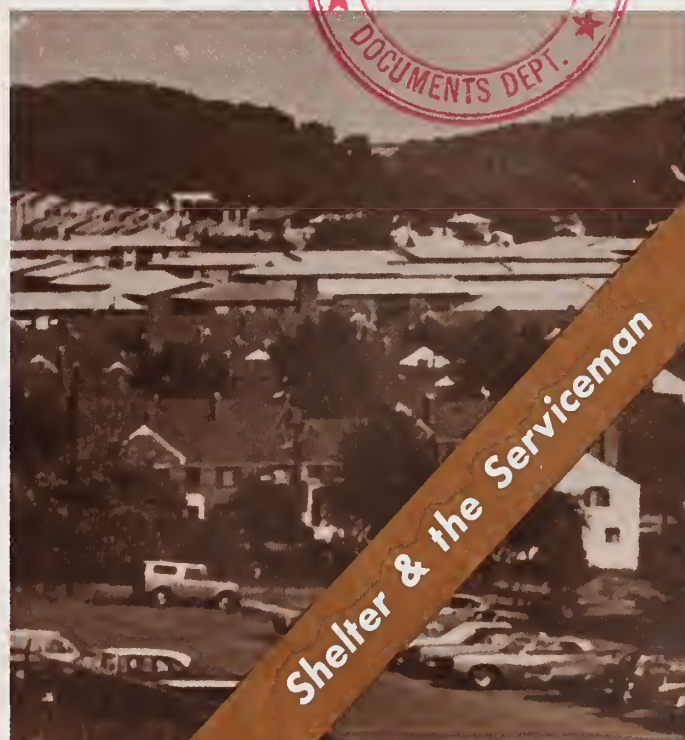
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**OUR COVER**—Do you prefer the hustle and bustle of an urban area or does your heart lie in the suburbs? On page 8, **Hallmark** investigates home-buying—the first of a two-part series entitled “Shelter & the Serviceman.”

## Letters, We Get Letters

Too late to make the Hallmark anniversary issue deadline but too significant to pass unnoticed, letters have been flooding in to the USASA headquarters congratulating us upon our silver anniversary. Among the more notable letters is a message from one of the Army's first two lady generals, Brigadier General Elizabeth P. Hoisington, director of the Women's Army Corps.

Army Chief of Staff General William C. Westmoreland's letter follows:

### TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY SECURITY AGENCY

On behalf of the United States Army, I extend congratulations and best wishes to the United States Army Security Agency on its twenty-fifth anniversary, 15 September 1970.

Since its activation in 1945, the United States Army Security Agency has played a key role in protecting the security of the United States and the free world. The remarkable success with which you have performed this mission for a quarter of a century has earned the appreciation and respect not only of the United States Army, but all Americans.

I join the men and women of the United States Army in expressing pride in the accomplishments of the United States Army Security Agency, and confidence in its continued success as it begins another year of valuable service to the Nation.

W. C. WESTMORELAND  
General, United States Army  
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# Palate-Pleasing Kuma Kitchen—2d Best In Army

Compiled from reports by SP5 Franklin York, Honolulu, Hawaii, and SP5 Gil Pappas, Chitose, Japan

Photos by SP4 Ray Grefe, Honolulu, and SP5 Tony Haglar, Chitose



This young PFC seems to really relish the relishes.

"We listen to the demands of the men and go out of our way to put out the chow that they like when they want it. We listen to their complaints and try to respond to them," said Specialist 6 Terry Holtz, assistant Chitose mess sergeant.

Holtz was in Hawaii last August with Kuma Station's Food Service Advisor, Chief Warrant Officer Paul Briggs, to accept the Phillip A. Connelly Excellence in Food Service award on behalf of Chitose. The station's mess hall was awarded a plaque as runner-up in the multiple unit category of the 1970 Army-wide competition. The plaque, named in honor of Phillip A. Connelly, past international president of the Food Service Executives Association, was presented at the association's annual convention by Major General Ben Sternberg, Commanding General, US Army Hawaii.

Chitose's mess hall was chosen from among 1,200 Army food service facilities judged around the world. First place in the multiple unit category went to C Battery, 6th Battalion, 60th Artillery, 32d Army Air Defense Command, Hohenfels, Germany. Awards were also given in the single unit and combat area dining facility categories.

The method of judging was explained by Gil Wiggins, International President of FSEA. "Units from each of the corps areas send names of nominees to the Food Service Center in Chicago, where they are grouped together and visits are lined up," he said.

"The judging team is made up of two civilian members of the FSEA and two military members—one representing the Food Service Center and the other representing the Army Sur-



Flanked by John Ceruti (left) and Frank Loperfido (right)—officials of the Food Service Executives Association—CW4 Paul Briggs and SP6 Terry Holtz show off Kuma Station's award.

geon General's Office. They visit each installation using a score sheet of 1,000 points covering sanitation, personnel, utilization of food, preparation of food, etc. The team spends a minimum of one full day at every installation and the judging is done only on weekdays to catch the peak number of personnel in the mess hall. After the final mess is judged, the team compiles all the score sheets and reviews each of them before the final decisions are made. This year, the team traveled for more than six weeks covering more than 36,000 miles."

CW4 Briggs said that the mess hall received the greatest number of points in preparation and serving of food. The food is issued to the mess hall by the commissary according to a master menu prepared a year in advance at the Food Service Center.

"We have sufficient refrigeration, both cold storage and freezer storage so we can split the menu," said Briggs. "For instance, today if they issue us a roast beef, we'll serve only a third of it and put the rest back in the freezer, then we'll pull out the chicken that we have held back."

"In that way, every noon meal we run at least three meat items. In the evening, we run the basic meat item and have a choice of three different types of sandwiches. Of course, we also have multiple choice breakfasts. We spend a lot of time trying to give the men what they want, if they'll tell us."

SP6 Holtz feels that it's the little things that add to the morale of the men. Things like stereo music piped into the dining area, KPs cleaning the dishes from the tables, and no GIs pulling KP.

Chitose's mess hall has been praised by privates and generals alike. General Ralph E. Haines Jr., Commanding General, US Army Pacific, wrote, ". . . the evaluation indicated that effective leadership, outstanding ability and superior knowledge of all phases of food service were evident. . . ."

"No doubt the best mess hall I've ever eaten in," Specialist 4 Marshall H. Stegall said. "They fix the best steak dinners anywhere on post and offer a great breakfast."

"I think the thing I like the most



Lunch is a favorite at Chitose—the men have their choice of three different meats.

about it, is that you get such a variety to eat at each meal," Private First Class Geno Laplante said.

Sergeant First Class Ronald C. Mustapha, the mess steward, emphasized sanitation in the mess hall. "I've been all over the world, and this is one of the cleanest mess halls that I've ever been in. If the sanitation is good, the food has to be good too,"

he said.

SFC Mustapha retired recently and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. SP6 Holtz and six others received the Army Commendation Medal. The six are Staff Sergeant Ronald Davis, Specialists 5 Ken Varel-las and Charles Domecq and Specialists 4 Arlan Millen, James Whistler and Robert McCoy.

## . . . Other ASA Stomachs Fare Well Too

Despite its record of excellence, Kuma Station's mess hall does not have a monopoly on efforts to improve culinary arts in the Army. The mess hall of the USASA Support Group at Ft. Meade, Md., was chosen as the best USASA mess hall in the United States. It was also a finalist in the judging for the Phillip A. Connelly award, as was Headquarters Company, USASATC&S, Ft. Devens, Mass.

In the Pacific, the USASA Headquarters Pacific mess hall at Helemano, Hawaii, was chosen as the top mess hall in the US Army, Hawaii. Last April, Headquarters Company's mess hall of the USASA Southern

Command was the winner of the Pacific Area Installation Command's best mess award.

In July, the award for culinary expertise above and beyond the call of duty in the 509th Radio Research Group was won by the 175th RR Company. The 175th provides appetizing meals, three times a day to over 300 men.

So sleep well in the wee hours of the morning for your breakfast is being prepared by some of the top mess halls in the Army. Breakfast still isn't being served in bed but if the competition among USASA dining halls becomes keener, who knows?



### Chief of Staff



**New Chief of Staff Assumes Duties—**Colonel Robert P. Brust, former Deputy Chief of Staff for Force Development, recently took over as USASA Chief of Staff. He replaces Colonel Nicholas E. Sloan who retired in August.

A native of Nebraska, the new Chief of Staff entered military service shortly after graduating from the University of Nebraska in 1940. He has been with the Agency since 1952.

In a related action, Colonel Robert W. Lewis, former Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, replaced Colonel Richard S. Winstead as Assistant Chief of Staff.



**USASA Needs Field Representatives—**With vacancies recurring in 50 cities throughout the United States, the Agency is always looking for qualified personnel to serve as field representatives. NCOs in grades E6 and E7 with certain qualities, such as a sincere interest in people, initiative, enthusiasm and the ability to work without direct supervision, are eligible for this challenging assignment.

For further details, eligible personnel should refer to Chapter 3, Section VI of the Military Personnel Manual, Hq, USASA. Interested applicants should specify at least three choices of area assignment.

### Adjutant General



**Army's Cupboard Bare of Awards Folders—**During the past several months, individuals receiving awards may have felt a bit shortchanged because their citations and certificates were not enclosed in the usual vinyl folders. The reason? Due to budget

cuts the stock of these protective folders has been exhausted.

If funds are restored, presentation of awards in folders will be resumed. Personnel who did not receive a folder, however, will need to find a way to protect their awards as issuance of folders will not be retroactive.



**PCS Allowances Increased for E4s Over Two—**Persons in Grade E4 with more than two years' service and obligated service of six years (including time already served) received an increase in permanent change of station allowances, effective July 1.

Individuals in the above category will receive:

- Government paid transportation of dependents.
- Transportation of household effects.
- Dislocation allowance. This is a month's basic allowance for quarters which amounts to \$90.60 in Grade E4 with less than four years' service and one or two dependents and \$105 for three or more dependents.
- Trailer allowance.
- Transportation of privately owned vehicles.
- Overseas and evacuation allowances. These vary by area.

### Logistics

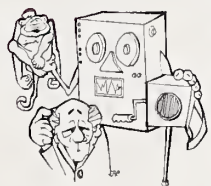


**New DCSLOG Takes Over—**Colonel Jesse L. Jordan Jr., returned for a second tour of duty with the Agency to assume the duties of Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics. He previously served at Headquarters from November 1964 to June 1967. A career

Quartermaster officer, he replaces Colonel A. L. Schalbrack.

The Assistant DCSLOG is Lieutenant Colonel Henry A. Jeffers Jr.

### Personnel



**Project Referral Set to Aid Potential Retirees Find Jobs—**A new Department of Defense program, Project Referral, which offers counseling and employment services to all retiring service personnel went into effect June 1.

The key to this world-wide program is a centralized computer system geared to match an applicant's objectives with job requirements. Although the man-job match system does not guarantee potential retirees employment, it does serve to increase communication between retirees and prospective employers.

Any active duty member is eligible to participate voluntarily in Referral, if:

- He has completed, or is within six months of completing, the length of service established for entitlement to military retirement pay.

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Whether you plan to stay in uniform or shed it, there is an Army education program tailored to your career advancement needs. Some programs won't cost you a cent—others have a nominal price tag, with the Army picking up a big share of the tab. The series of articles beginning in this issue will tell you all about every educational opportunity available to USASA men and women. A capsule description of all the programs to be discussed appears on the next page. Readers are urged to submit comments and questions on education that can be covered in future articles.

## **Education**

# **Your Best Course for the Future**

A simple question, which often brings many an otherwise smooth job interview to an unsuccessful conclusion, is asked daily by employers everywhere: "Where did you go to school?"

The last word in the question is misunderstood by many people. By "school" the potential employer does not mean high school. Instead, he is usually asking about the applicant's professional or technical schooling—his college background.

This problem is not restricted to civilian job seekers. It happens in the Army too. But the serviceman has many opportunities to remedy educational shortcomings. And it pays off—in promotions while on active duty and in increased earning power following separation.

### **Schooling a Must**

Department of Labor statistics show that some college schooling is almost a "must" for securing a good position. And educational requirements are gradually rising: two years of college plus some skill training for many jobs, four years for others. Scientific and technological advances have brought a corresponding educational upgrading of the military work force.

Although this puts pressure on everyone to "keep up," education calls for a good deal of individual

initiative. But the Army makes it relatively easy.

"Whatever a serviceman's educational needs or wants may be, we feel that there is an Army program available to satisfy them," says Dr. L. Mark Hamilton, Deputy Director of the Army's GED (General Educational Development) program.

"A soldier has no one to blame but himself if he misses out on the opportunity to at least get started in college or in some type of vocational training while in the military. And regardless of where he is stationed, if he is interested in bettering his education, he is fairly close to assistance," Dr. Hamilton explains.

Army Education Centers that provide much of this assistance are located at 295 Army installations throughout the world. Each post with a troop strength of at least 750 has an education center, and the head of each center is the education adviser—a civilian expert trained and experienced in counseling Army personnel about their education.

"Many of the troops in Vietnam are not aware that we have 25 education centers throughout that country, and 21 of these are manned by civilian advisers," notes Dr. Hamilton. "Even at several missile sites around the world where we don't have an education facility, we do have advisers available."

The programs offered are varied: from earning a high school diploma to learning valuable technical skills, from studying for a college degree to taking advanced post-graduate work. And most USASA enlisted personnel, because of their four-year military obligation, are afforded an opportunity that many personnel in other branches do not receive.

### **Army Pays 75%**

"Depending on rotation commitments," Dr. Hamilton explains, "it is possible for the ambitious serviceman with a four-year obligation to attain as much as two years of his college education while he is on active duty. And the feature attraction to this program is that the Army will pay for 75 per cent of the tuition costs.

"Although a few young men have come into the Army right out of high school and ETSED after four years with two years of college credit, many of our servicemen have the idea that this program will affect their possibilities for future financial assistance through the GI Bill. But this is not so," he said. "One can use both programs—sometimes even simultaneously."

The Army's goals, according to AR 621-5 ("General Educational Development"), are for all enlisted per-

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# Educational Opportunities

## Choose a Program That Will Advance Your Career

**United States Armed Forces Institute:** USAFI offers the serviceman an education ranging from a high school diploma to post graduate study. Over 200 correspondence courses with subjects normally taught in high schools, trade schools and junior colleges are available. Also, 47 participating colleges offer over 6,600 courses through correspondence programs.

**Enlisted Civil Schooling Program:** A serviceman can enjoy full duty and pay status while attending the college of his choice as a full-time student, with the Army paying all his tuition. Upon completion of his schooling, he returns two years of service for each year of educational training at the Army's expense.

**Degree Completion Program:** Also called "Operation Bootstrap," this program enables both officers and enlisted personnel to attend civilian colleges full-time to complete degree requirements. To qualify one must be able to earn an undergraduate degree within 12 months or a graduate degree within one semester and agree to serve a minimum of two years following receipt of baccalaureate degree or four years following receipt of graduate degree.

**College Level Evaluation Program:** Those who have reached college level of education in non-traditional ways are assessed on their level of achievement. CLEP includes a series of tests in five different liberal arts areas with six hours college credit granted for each test passed.

**Officer Undergraduate Degree Program:** Career-minded junior officers who can earn a bachelors degree in two years or less may participate. A minimum of three years' active duty commitment required upon completion of degree.

**Resident College Training:** One may achieve off-duty education at a college near the military installation, with the Army paying 75 per cent of tuition costs.

**AEC Group Study:** Army Education Centers conduct organized group study at 283 installations throughout the world, offering courses in academic,

vocational and technical subjects.

**Project Transition:** Personnel with up to six months remaining before their scheduled separation from service may train during duty time in specific skills in which civilian job opportunities are good.

**Commerical Home-Study Schools:** Academic and technical subjects are available through civilian home-study schools to active duty and separated personnel, with financing available through GI Bill.

**MOS-Related Study:** One may strive to improve his MOS performance, prepare for an MOS evaluation test or cross-train in an additional MOS through academic, vocational-technical and military subjects offered.

**Project Referral:** Men retiring from the military are assisted in finding civilian jobs.

**Vocational-Technical Training:** Eligible personnel may train off-duty at a vocational or technical school near the military installation, with the Army paying 75 per cent of tuition costs or with financial assistance available through the GI Bill.

**Early-Out Program:** Personnel may be separated prior to normal separation date for seasonal occupations and school attendance.

**Service School Training:** Career-related subjects are taught at various service schools for career military personnel.

**Project MEMO:** Servicemen with less than 12 months till separation who have not received college degrees are assisted in establishing contact with colleges that offer the kinds of programs they want.

**High School Program:** One is issued an accredited high school diploma following classroom work, correspondence and testing through USAFI or through off-duty attendance at a local high school.

**Project MEDIHC:** Presently a pilot program in Texas, MEDIHC is designed to fit medically qualified servicemen into civilian health agency jobs.

**Project One Hundred Thousand:** Men who do not meet the mental standards for military service are accepted into the Army and given training through USAFI sources.

*"A Wise Man Will Make More  
Opportunities Than He Finds"...Bacon*

The war in Vietnam--the hydrogen bomb...  
nerve gas disposal--crime proposals...rising  
unemployment--ABM deployment...Supreme Court--  
lunar abort...taxes, recession--Wall  
Street depression...cigarette solution--air  
pollution...racial flaps---generation gaps  
...ecology and SST and LSD and.....STOP!

# What Are You Going to Do about It?

What *can* you do? Vote? It's hardly worth it . . . or is it?

History can better answer that. If but 88 people with just one vote each had taken that attitude in 1948, President Lyndon Johnson would not have been elected to his first term in the Senate.

President John F. Kennedy won the state of Hawaii in the 1960 presidential run-off by a total of 115 votes. That's less than half the number of men in Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Arlington Hall, Va.

In fact, both the 1960 and 1968 presidential elections produced two leading candidates separated by only one tenth of one percent of the total popular vote.

And those were presidential races alone. The list of senators, representatives, governors and state officials elected by only a handful of votes is staggering.

True, perhaps the 1970 elections won't be as exciting as a presidential election year with all the hoopla of the national political conventions. But the outcome of these elections will chart the nation's course up to the next presidential autumn in 1972.

Your vote helps to serve as a political barometer to a midterm president. Approval of his policies, translated into votes, gives presidential legislative proposals more

clout in Congress. Disapproval of his policies, translated into votes, has the opposite effect.

Congressional and senatorial elections also serve as your opportunity to reward or chastise your congressmen on how they stood on (or shied away from) the issues of the day.

But whether your party thrives or flounders, if you've voted, you know you've taken a stand and you've done something about it. The ultimate winner in a contest like this is democracy.

Oh, yeah, we've heard all the excuses.

"It's all right to vote and all, but it's just too much trouble since I'm registered in (fill in the state) but am serving in (fill in the state or country.)"

All it takes to vote by absentee ballot is a brief trip to your legal officer, usually the staff judge advocate. He'll give you a simple form, Standard Form 76. Fill it out and mail it to the proper authorities in the state in which you are registered—free of charge. You'll get your state's absentee ballot shortly thereafter. **But do it today!** Most ballots must be returned anywhere from the weekend before to the day of the general election, November 3.

It's your country. Here's your best opportunity to say how it should be run.

# There's Still Time If You Act Now!

This is the list of States, and their dates and times for receiving marked absentee voting ballots. Ballots received after these dates and times will not be accepted and will not be counted.

STATE	DATE	TIME
Alabama	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Alaska	Nov. 3	Postmark must be no later than date of election
Arizona	Nov. 3	6 p.m., date of election
Arkansas	Nov. 3	4 p.m., date of election
California	Nov. 2	5 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Colorado	Nov. 3	5 p.m., date of election
Connecticut	Nov. 2	6 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Delaware	Nov. 2	Noon, day <i>before</i> election
District of Columbia	(None in 1970)	
Florida	Nov. 2	5 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Georgia	Nov. 3	7 p.m., date of election
Hawaii	Nov. 9	Noon, <i>6th day following</i> date of election
Idaho	Nov. 3	Noon, date of election
Illinois	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Indiana	Nov. 2	6 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Iowa	Nov. 2	No later than day <i>before</i> election

STATE	DATE	TIME
Kansas	Nov. 2	Noon, <i>Monday before</i> date of election
Kentucky	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Louisiana	Nov. 3	In time to allow delivery of ballot to commission date of election
Maine	Nov. 3	3 p.m., date of election
Maryland	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Massachusetts	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Michigan	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Minnesota	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Mississippi	Nov. 3	In time to deliver ballot to officials date election returns are received and canvassed
Missouri	Nov. 2	4 p.m., day <i>before</i> election
Montana	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Nebraska	Nov. 5	10 a.m., <i>Thursday following</i> date of election
Nevada	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
New Hampshire	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
New Jersey	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
New Mexico	Nov. 2	Noon, day <i>before</i> election
New York	Nov. 2	Noon, day <i>before</i> election

STATE	DATE	TIME
North Carolina	Oct. 31	Noon, <i>Saturday before</i> date of election
North Dakota	Nov. 10	One week <i>after</i> date of election
Ohio	Nov. 3	Noon, date of election
Oklahoma	Oct. 30	5 p.m., <i>Friday before</i> date of election
Oregon	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Pennsylvania	Oct. 30	5 p.m., <i>Friday before</i> date of election
Rhode Island	Nov. 3	9 p.m., date of election
South Carolina	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
South Dakota	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Tennessee	Nov. 3	10 a.m., date of election
Texas	Nov. 3	1 p.m., date of election
Utah	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Vermont	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Virginia	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Washington	Nov. 18	15 days <i>after</i> date of election
West Virginia	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Wisconsin	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election
Wyoming	Nov. 3	<i>Before opening of polls</i> date of election
<b>U.S. TERRITORIES</b>		
Guam	Nov. 2	Before date of election
Puerto Rico	Oct. 31	Before date of referendum
Virgin Islands	Nov. 3	Before polls close date of election



# Home

*(What follows is the first of a two-part study on "Shelter and the Serviceman," a look at the perils and pitfalls surrounding the soldier about to place a sizeable downpayment on his first home or a rental deposit on that fancy highrise or modest garden apartment. This first installment will take a look at the complex art of buying a home. There are no set rules. Different families have different needs and ambitions. But there are a few well-proven guidelines to help you in what will probably be the biggest investment of your life.)*

Hate cutting grass? Sigh in disgust at the thought of washing and putting up screens? Does the smell of fresh paint make you blanch? Well, such are the "dreams" of the everyday home owner and if statistics bear out, you'll more than likely be one in the next couple of years if you aren't already.

Much has been written on the merits of home-owning vs. apartment dwelling and vice versa. As the arguments go, you needn't worry about upkeep and property taxes if you rent an apartment but then, when the month's rent is up, you have nothing

to show for it. Well and good. We'll discuss apartments next month. Right now let's work on the supposition that you and your wife have definitely decided to buy a home.

If you are considering making the Army and USASA your career, you might well consider settling in the Washington, D.C., area. No one is going to pledge you'll stay here the next 20 years, but with the Agency's concentration in the capital area, you can be reasonably certain of spending nine years (three tours) in the area. If Headquarters doesn't move, the rest of the time you can be renting your home and paying off the mortgage with the rent money.

## Never Too Soon

But let's assume you have your heart set on living in Pascagoula, Miss., or Bangor, Me. Be realistic. There aren't too many chances of going to either with USASA. If you want to own a home and you want to work with the Agency you'll have to limit your choices to where there are stations. Otherwise, you'd better consider a branch transfer or a new line of work.

Even if you are planning on getting out of the Army, but are considering settling in the area where you are currently stationed, it's not too soon to consider home-owning.

Okay, let's say you've picked the area—Washington, D.C., for the sake of a likely example. Take at least a week's leave to devote to your quest. If you rush, you'll usually end up with less than you wanted. Generally, the best time to go house-hunting is in the spring and summer since most folks don't move while their children are still in school.

Before you actually get started, you'd better resolve some important questions. For instance, how far are you willing to drive to work? Five miles? Ten? Once you decide, draw a circle on a local area map with your new place of work as the center and the circle being the utmost distance you'd consider driving. Everything within the circle is fair game. Then once you find a house you like, take a practice drive to work during the rush hour. Even a relatively short trip can take an eternity if the route leads you past a place like the Pentagon.

Check the newspapers for homes

# Buying: A Multiple Listing Of the Facts



on sale. If you buy through a realtor, you have the convenience of being shown around but you end up paying for it indirectly since the real estate agent's fee is generally tacked on the price of the home—usually six per cent of the total cost. If you buy directly from a home owner, you avoid this cost. However, if you locate the home of your dreams through a realtor, don't think you and the owner can slash the cost simply by cutting out the realtor. There are laws about that kind of thing.

## Watch for Pitfalls

But now you've found that love-nest. It's time to do some real investigating. Is it close to schools and shopping facilities? Is a church of your preference nearby?

Check with the local county planning board. Is it considering running a highway through your dining room in three years' time? Is a new school building project just about to get underway, driving up local taxes? What are the local taxes? What kind of a neighborhood is it? You'd do well not to buy into a spotty neighborhood—that is, where a \$20,000 home

abuts the property of a \$75,000 home. This sort of inconsistency hurts property values. You'd also be wise to catch a glimpse of the neighbors. Are they your age? Are there children around for playmates to your children, or is it a senior-citizen community where the best-read page in the local newspaper is the obituary column?

On to the house itself. How old is it? It's easier to finance newer homes but the down-payment is also likely to be greater. Older homes, however, are wont to have termites. Be sure to have any home, old or new, checked before you buy. In many areas, the inspections don't cost anything.

How large is your prospective home? That little honeymoon bungalow might have been fine when you were just married but the bigger families become, the smaller houses grow. As a minimum, you should have three bedrooms and two bathrooms, along with central air conditioning (unless you are buying in Shemya). Financially, it's wiser to buy a larger home and grow into it rather than buy an adequate home now and be forced to move on in 10 or 12 years. For

one thing, your kids may never forgive you for uprooting them from their friends. (Wives, even military ones, have been known to get a bit testy that way, too.)

## Commuter Nightmare

How much land should you get? How much do you want? The farther away you live from the city, the more land you'll get for an equivalent amount of money, but the less time you'll have to enjoy it since you're spending half your day battling traffic.

In any event, once you decide on a home and property, have it appraised by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) or Veterans Administration (VA). On the average, it will cost you \$35 but it might be the wisest investment of your life. FHA and VA know what to look for . . . cellars that might be converted into indoor swimming pools by nature, shoddy or inadequate electrical fixtures, water heater and furnace conditions and the like.

You can be making some checks

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## A Look at What's New

*(An occasional Hallmark re-cap of modern military medical developments that may soon affect you.)*

**Meningitis**, long a scourge of military camps, finally appears to have been conquered. Tests of a new vaccine developed at the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research have proven highly effective against the most prevalent strain of the disease, a strain responsible for better than 90 per cent of all military meningitis cases in the past two years.

As a movie, "MASH" is doing well. As a military entity, the Mobile Army Surgical Hospital is on the way out. Its replacement will be the Combat Support Hospital, a mobile facility that will provide not only surgical services but a wide range of other medical treatment for the soldier in the field. The speed of MEDEVAC helicopters has also enabled the Army to consolidate its doctors in division medical battalions, rather than having

them spread out in battalion aid stations. The shift will allow for more specialization.

**Computers** have been muscling in everywhere over the past few years so it should come as no surprise that now they'll be moving into your mouth. Working on an Army grant, researchers at the Stony Brook branch of the State University of New York are readying a computer that can read X-rays and point out diseases and problems in stages too early for the naked eye to see, much less diagnose. It should be ready by year's end.

**High-pitched** inaudible sounds that supposedly start dogs howling may keep you from doing the same. A pair of Army medical officers recently discovered that ultra-sonic waves can be used to curb certain types of pain—especially those aches which are localized and superficial.

## Education . . .

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sonnel to complete high school, for warrant officers and senior NCOs to finish two years of college and for commissioned officers to attain a baccalaureate degree.

These are only minimum standards, however, as DA policy is to provide educational service for encouraging and enabling "all military personnel to develop educationally to their maximum career potential." For this purpose over \$19 million was budgeted to the GED program in 1969.

"There is no reason for one to stop in his efforts to further his self-betterment," Dr. Hamilton asserts. "The Army makes provisions for broadening one's education whether he stays in the service or gets out. And the better one's background, the better person he is—not only financially but also in his use to society."

Whether one's ambition is to complete high school, work toward a college degree, learn more about his MOS, or simply learn for the sake of learning, the Army's GED program offers more opportunities than any other educational system in existence.

Now you know what you can do. The rest is up to you.

## SPOTLIGHT . . .

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- He is declared eligible for disability retirement.
  - He is declared a disability separatee with 10 or more years of active service.
  - He declares his intent to retire.
  - He registers with Referral while still on active duty.
- Persons already separated or retired are ineligible to participate in the program.

The first step in the program is the counseling session held six months before the individual's retirement. Here the Referral counselor or unit personnel officer assists the retiree in determining post-retirement employment objectives; explains the civilian job market and how his military experiences might relate to civilian occupations; and, assists in job-seeking techniques.

Next, the potential retiree registers his skills and employment and geographical location (up to five in order

of preference) preferences with the program's computer facility located in Dayton, Ohio. Meanwhile, employers from government and private industry across the nation register their job vacancies with the computer.

Then the computer searches for job vacancies supplied by employers to match the individual's skills and experience, salary range, education, geographical location and availability date.

After the match, the computer facility provides abbreviated resumes to prospective employers. The employer, at his option, may now contact the retiree(s) for direct negotiations which hopefully will lead to employment.



**E-6s Now By-Pass Replacement Stations**—As a result of a new DA policy which went into effect on Sept. 1, E-6s assigned overseas will now report directly to the aerial port of embarkation as do E-7s, 8s and 9s.

Based on a Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service recommendation, the new policy allows an E-6 to by-pass the overseas replacement station for processing and transportation to his overseas assignment.

**Remember the Nov. 1st Deadline  
For Freedoms Foundation Entries.**



# pass in review

A roundup of ASA news from Hallmark correspondents



The 330th RRC on the move by land, sea and air.

## Republic of Vietnam

**330th Radio Research Company**—Any way you look at it, moving is a big job. And when it involves an entire company with an around-the-clock operational mission moving 230 kilometers in a combat environment, the job is gigantic. But the 330th was equal to the challenge when it moved from Pleiku to Nha Trang last summer.

To make the move, the company traveled by truck, LST barges, cargo aircraft and Chinook helicopters; through rain and dust; and, over treacherous roads and mountain passes. Nevertheless, in just 20 days the 330th was settled without one second's interruption in the operational mission.

## Germany

**319th USASA Bn (Corps)**—Turnabout was fair play in an American-German shooting match recently held by the battalion in place of its 1970 annual weapons firing qualification.

Invited to compete with the 319th was the Verteidigungskreis Kommando 441, Germany's 441st Area Defense Command, of Fritzlar. Firing M-14 rifles, six members of the VKK 441 qualified as experts while nine members of the battalion received the "Schutzenschnur" in bronze (first marksmanship award) on the German weapons.

During the ceremonies held in July, Major William T. Meyer, commanding officer of the battalion, presented the American marksmanship awards and Oberstleutnant (LTC) Wolfgang Dengel, executive officer of the VKK 441, presented the German awards.

## Japan

**FS Chitose**—The University of Maryland recently honored two of this station's servicemen for their high scholastic proficiency.

Specialist 5 Terry D. Childers with a 4.0 average for 15 consecutive credit hours distinguished himself as one of six students in the Far East to make the Dean's Honor List. He received a Certificate of Scholarship and a Medallion for Excellence.

With a 3.6 average for 15 consecutive credit hours, Staff Sergeant Peter D. Fox also received a Certificate of Scholarship.

## Turkey

**TUSLOG Det 4**—"Pull the ripcord"—"Open up 'chute"—"WOW"—"Great"—shouted the crowd as the Flying Club of Ankara put on a spectacular free fall exhibition in Sinop recently.

The plane used by the two male and two female sky divers was a small Cessna, stripped of all accessories. At an altitude of 6,000 feet, each member would dive and free fall for more

than 4,000 feet before opening the parachute. And their landing? Beautiful! Their skillful manipulation brought them down in a remarkably tight pattern just south of the detachment's runway.

In the large crowd of military and civilian Turks and American servicemen none could have been more thrilled than the Governor and Mayor of Sinop and Lieutenant Colonel Robert I. Carney Jr., commanding officer of the detachment.

## Arizona

**Test and Evaluation Center**—The Center's Personnel Division is holding the limelight not only at Ft. Huachuca but throughout the Agency.

And rightfully so, for it recently was one of very few Army units and the first in the Agency to pass the seemingly impossible Command Personnel Management Inspection. Moreover, the division passed it with flying colors, an excellent rating.

Members of the division are: Captain James M. Palancher, chief, Robert Lynn, administrative officer, Sergeant Steven Felberg, Private First Class John McCullough and Mrs. Kelton White.

In a surprise ceremony, Mr. Lynn was awarded the Certificate of Achievement while other members of the staff received Letters of Appreciation.



Standing (from left) with the first place team trophy are: Terry Hurst, Mike Sheely, Orville Yager, George Shearin and Roger Olson.

### Skeet Shooting

**Asmara, Ethiopia**—Lieutenant Colonel George T. Shearin has been creating a lot of smoke around FS Asmara lately.

Kagnew Station's deputy commander is a skeet shoot enthusiast and an active member of the Rod and Gun club. Always the contender, LTC Shearin has recently been doing some topnotch shooting.

His latest victory came in a joint shoot on July Fourth with the local Italian gun club. The DCO hit 47 of a possible 50 targets to win the day's gold medal and the praise of his fellow shooters . . . in English and Italian.

LTC Shearin's fine shooting also helped the American team to capture first place.

### Commander's Cup

**Ft. Clayton, Canal Zone**—Our men in Panama strung together enough major victories during the past 12 months to grab top honors and the Ft. Clayton Commander's Cup. In doing so, they also established a new point total mark that other units will be shooting for.

Now if the teams can only duplicate this feat for the next two years, the monster trophy will be theirs to keep.

### Football

**Chitose, Japan**—The final score of the first football game ever played between Americans and Japanese on the island of Hokkaido was Meiji University 18, the Chitose Bears 13. But that doesn't tell the whole story of the wild and woolly battle between two aggressive and dedicated teams, nor of the great strides made in furthering better Japanese and American relations.

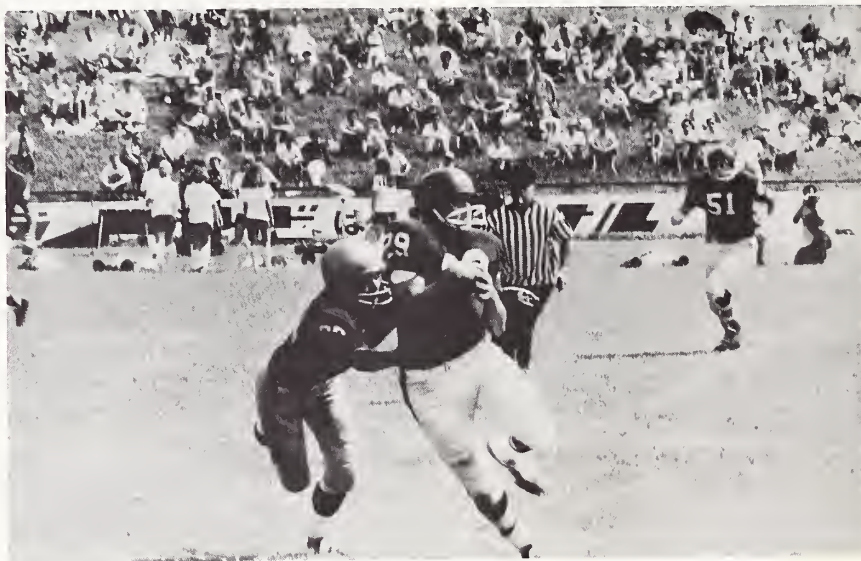
Meiji U., much smaller and lighter than the Bears, scored the first time it had the ball. It took the Americans a while to adjust to the quicker and more agile Japanese, but near the end of the first period, Bear quarterback, Specialist 5 Odell Handcox, plunged over the tying score.

Before the 2d quarter was over, Meiji executed a beautiful, 40-yard

touchdown pass to take a 12-6 half-time lead. In the 2d half, each team scored one more time. But it wasn't a game of patty-cake.

The Meiji team, who finished second in a league of 32 Japanese teams, knew they were in a ball game. Seven of its players were carried or limped from the field. The less experienced Bears, a team which practiced together for less than a month, lost three starters.

Specialist 5 Jimmy Jones, one of several men to play both offense and defense, paid them this compliment: "Sure we'd like to have won, but you have to give credit where credit is due. They were a great team. They'd hit you in the legs, knees, just everywhere. No doubt about it, they could hit. But we did a job on them too."



SP5 P. Whitehouse grabs a sideline pass from QB SP5 O. Handcox midway into the second period. Approaching from the right is tackle SP5 M. Carl. (Photo by SP5 Bill Norris)

### ZOT Award

Field Station Shemya, Alaska, has sent us word that the best kept secret in the Army is no longer a secret. It seems that Specialist 5 Vincent Diaz recently received a check from the US Army Alaska Finance and Accounting Office addressed to: "SP5 V. Diaz, US Army Recreation Camp."

Our Alaskan outpost requests that two ZOT awards be given this time; one to the guy who let the secret (?) out, and the other to FA&O, Ft. Richardson.

(The coveted laurels have been mailed special delivery.)

## Beach Party

*Helemano, Hawaii*—When the US ASA Pacific commanders met in Hawaii for the annual conference, not all was business.

The commanders took to the beach at Waianae on Oahu's north shore. The photos at right show the results.

### Bowling

*Homestead AFB, Florida*—In the fall of 1969, the 31st Artillery Bde at Homestead AFB, commenced its winter bowling league. Several months into the season, the 31st Bde advertised for recruits. One of their teams had become riddled with vacancies because of unexpected PCS orders.

Unselfishly, six members of FS Homestead (Staff Sergeants Lilly and Sielge, Specialists 5 O'Dell, Bechtol and Doane, and Specialist 4 Toone) volunteered to compete in order to prevent the league from folding. Soon after the "Duffys" began playing, they assumed the league lead and, much to the dismay of the 31st Bde, held that lead for over three months.

Realizing that the winner of the bowling league also walks off with the Bde Commander's Trophy, the Duffys thought they better relax their hold on first place and cement their somewhat tenuous relations with the 31st. Although their altruistic attitude did not allow them to take the Commander's Trophy, they did steal second place and SSG Lilly received the ABC award for the most improved bowler of the league.

### OOPS!

*Somewhere in the Hallmark Bunker*—The trouble with handing out Zot Awards is that sooner or later, he who giveth shall also receive.

Master Sergeant Eugene W. Marvin, Headquarters, Group Korea, thought he caught us when we listed him as "Specialist 8" Marvin. The good sergeant even questioned if the rank Spec/8 existed.

Of course not. We knew it all the time. We were just trying to keep everyone on their toes. Thanks for stepping on ours. ZOT!

### Good Food...



Pacific commanders welcome the opportunity for a day of fun and sun on the beach at Waianae. USASAP staff officers and wives were also present.

### Good Drink...



Deputy Commander, COL William Clark, and USASA Pacific Commander, COL Arthur Hackwood, take time out from the busy conference schedule.

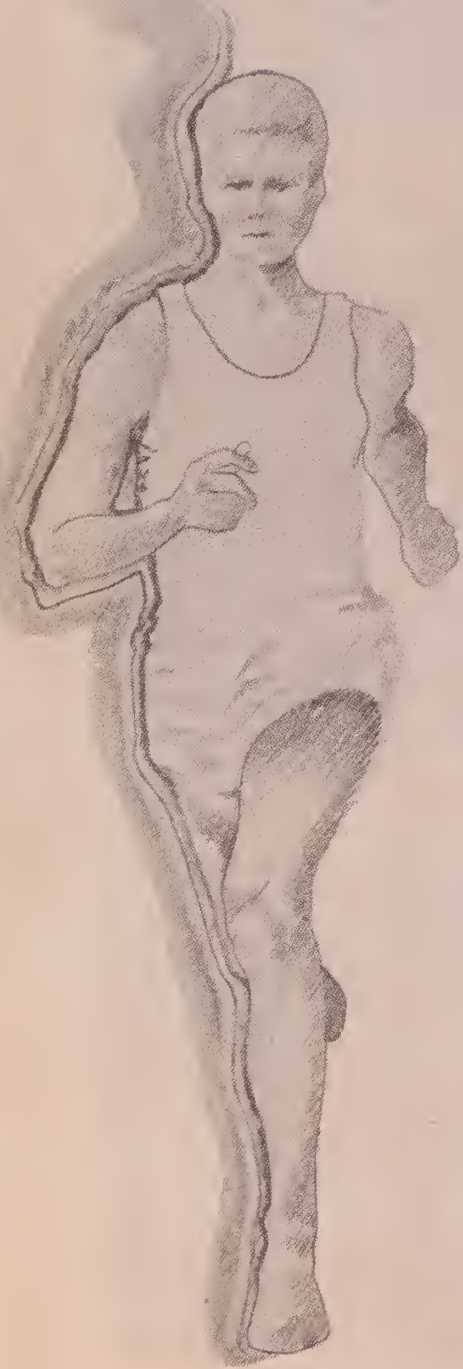
### Good Time.



When LTC George Garrant decided to go for a swim, four lieutenants were quick to oblige. From left: S. Russell, W. Wilson, V. Holmquist and A. Kawai.



# At Dusk... In the Dust



## A 'Racy' Look at Phu Bai Night Life

When the sun sets over the greater Phu Bai Combat Base, on which the 8th RRFS is quietly and unobtrusively nestled, and when the illumination rounds begin to shed their paralyzing light over the perimeter, a shadow may be seen dashing between the bunkers and trenchlines; this Hermes-like figure is the fleet-footed champion runner of the 8th Radio Research Field Station, Specialist 5 Myndret C. Busack from Bedford, Ind.

One day Charlie, as Specialist Busack is called by his friends, happened to see a note on the Special Services bulletin board. A cross-country track event was being announced for Northern I Corps with eliminations to be held at Phu Bai on June 7.

Charlie's pen quivered with delight as he signed up for the big event. Seventeen contestants took to the field on a 2-mile run.

Charlie's footwork dazzled his opponents. He easily outdistanced his nearest rival, breaking the tape in 10:20, 40 seconds ahead of the 2d place man.

As the owner of several track records at the Shoals High School in Indiana, Charlie's competitive spirit seemed rejuvenated over this latest contest. His appetite was now whetted for the ultimate challenge: the elite of the Screaming Eagles, the 101st ABN DIV, Airmobile.

The finals were held on June 21 at Camp Eagle, headquarters for the 101st ABN DIV. Nine runners were present, representing the best in Northern I Corps. Charlie sped across the rough two miles with the swiftness of a gazelle. When the race was over, Charlie walked off with first place honors, the slowest thing he did all day. The famed eagles had stopped screaming; their wings were clipped.

A veteran of over 23 months' duty in Vietnam, Charlie plans to continue his running activities and participate in college track when he bids farewell to the service. Until then, the personnel at the 8th RRFS may continue to watch SP5 Busack—faster than a screaming eagle—running at dusk, in the dust of the 8th RR Field Station.

## Distinguished Service Medal

BRIGADIER GENERAL: Herbert E. Wolff.

## Legion of Merit

COLONEL: Nicholas E. Sloan (1).  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: William F. Flynn (1), George F. Garrant (1).

## Bronze Star Medal

CAPTAIN: Clinton R. Bailey, A. G. Slayton (1).  
SECOND LIEUTENANT: Charles H. Hill.  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Wilsford A. Haag.  
FIRST SERGEANT: Harry J. Hahn Jr.  
MASTER SERGEANT: James Alligood Jr. (1), Thomas D. Sawyer.  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Leighton W. Vary Jr., Eddie H. Hiatt.  
STAFF SERGEANT: David H. Andorka, Joseph L. Cappiello, Barry T. Carmichael, Gwendol C. Conner, Hugo C. Aldrich Jr., Bert Diamondstein, Martin D. Dutilly (1), Louis J. Falls, William C. Fox, Raymond J. Touchton, Little F. Williams, William Hockstra, Joel L. Hopkins, Robert C. Huebner, Charles N. Miller, Leslie H. Neese (1), Timothy M. O'Rourke, Jon A. Phipps, Duane E. Quinn, George R. Shafer Jr. (2), Ronald H. Stigler.  
SPECIALIST 6: John W. Lowe.  
SPECIALIST 5: Robert D. Hoyt, Larry P. Shindledecker.  
SPECIALIST 4: Kris A. Tourtellotte.

## Meritorious Service Medal

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Nathaniel J. Alderman, Aloysius Bolak, John J. Whalen.  
MAJOR: Christopher C. Bell, Joseph E. DuJardin, James T. Nixon, Wilbur V. Rose, Ivan C. Swift.  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Paul F. Richard.  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Larry P. Olson, Charles E. Roell.  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Bennie F. Sutton.  
SERGEANT MAJOR: Jack S. Lowrey.  
FIRST SERGEANT: Dale E. Huseman.  
MASTER SERGEANT: George Mychajluk.  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Peter E. Gould.

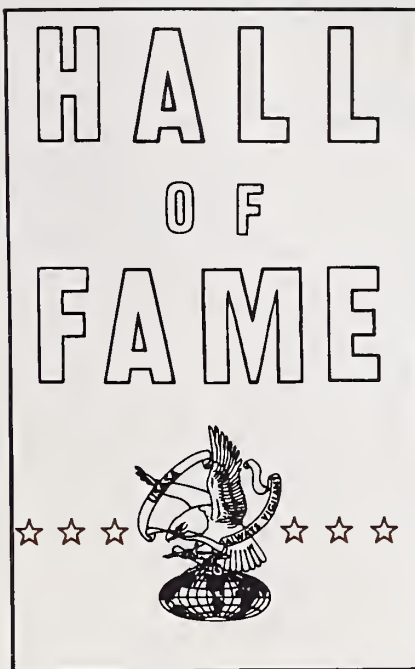
## Air Medal

SPECIALIST 5: Roy E. Fair (2-18).

## Army Commendation Medal

MAJOR: Melvin L. Grant, Gene H. Lee, Ray D. Mackinnon Jr. (1), Sarah E. Simmonds (WAC), Tommie L. Thompson (Chap), William E. Whittle (1), Richard A. Olson.  
CAPTAIN: James D. Allen, John Furgess Jr. (1), Gary D. Knapp, David B. Knight, Paul W. Nicholson Jr.

FIRST LIEUTENANT: James R. Barnett, Roger W. Boren, Joyce F. Burris (WAC), Charles F. Delavan, Dennis E. Hanson, Donald P. Harris, Dale M. Johnson, Thomas J. Kushner, Charles O. Peed Jr., Jack R. Smedley, Robert L. Webster.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT: Donald W. Beebe.  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 3: Joan M. Blakeley (WAC) (1), Herschel H. Duren, James C. Reese Jr. (2), John E. Ryan.



CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 2: Robert S. Benson, Thomas E. Davis, Harold Looney, Dennis J. McLaughlin.  
WARRANT OFFICER: Robert C. Greengo (1).  
SERGEANT MAJOR: David T. Eiler (2), Richard A. Fuller (2), Tommy J. Wickham (1).  
FIRST SERGEANT: Paul M. Foley (3), Eugene V. Peckinpugh (1).  
MASTER SERGEANT: Zane L. Breeze, (2), Paul E. Bricker (1), James M. Brock, Theodore L. Confalone, Richard E. Guerin, Elmer C. King Jr. (1).  
SERGEANT FIRST CLASS: Norman E. Bennett, Ronald H. Black, Gary S. Buchanan, Shelby M. Cartwright (1), Edward R. Chelini Jr., Franklin Delahunt (1), Sylves A. Dwerlkotte, Thomas E. Finnell (1), Delbert E. Ford, Charles C. Fornwalt (1), Herbert F. Fruen, Robert R. Gargan (1), Jerry M. Harris (1), Homer P. Hawkins, Harold L. Hightower (1), David L. Humphreys (1), Richard L. Langford, Russel B. Nielsen (1), Faustin A. Padilla, Dennis L. Pederson (1), Richard J. Purpur, James R. Ross (2), Thomas B. Salak, Clifton R. Sargeant (2), Eugene L. Sill (1), Donald R. Thomas, William H. Vaughan, William B. Winborne, John Zionkofski.  
STAFF SERGEANT: Richard S. Alt-heide, Charles F. Buchanan, David C.

Carden, James A. Credeur (1), Max Curnbridge, Martin D. Dutilly, James E. Gay, James H. Gillian, Charles G. Ginn (1), Jack R. Grigsby, Arbec S. Halldorson Jr., John O. Hays, Michael Hendricks, Gary G. Howorht, Ernest B. Jones Jr., Robert E. Korner, Thomas L. Leverett, Dennis Mannisto, George H. McCammon, Thomas A. Miller, Melvin T. Mills, Leslie H. Neese (Valor), John R. O'Conner, Paul A. Quimet, Robert E. Raynor, Arthur Rivers, Larry E. Ross, Joseph L. Stinebaugh, Clayton D. Strand, John J. Walthall Jr., Burdette L. Wilson (1).  
SPECIALIST 6: Michael E. Agnes, Kenneth L. Crews, Anthony C. DeGennaro (1), Joe E. Hodge, Michael L. MacDonald, Michael J. McManus, Edgar L. Miller.  
SERGEANT: Gary Davis, Richard S. Day.  
SPECIALIST 5: Eugene G. Ancharski, Robert N. Blarma, Norman Brigance, James F. Dickey, Roy E. Elliot, Roy W. Fullerton, Jefferson L. Gentry (1), James T. Geving, James G. Gottschamer, John F. Greeson, James E. Harrison, James M. Ledford Jr., William B. Malone, Earl T. Matsui, Dennis L. McCloskey, George J. Mortimore IV, Richard A. Moscheo, Richard E. Murphey, Donald A. Neuman, Victor L. Ockinga, Luther O. Parker, Joseph A. Perry, James L. Powell (1), Gerald W. Rhoads, Robert L. Rogers, Steven M. Rolfsen (1), Warren J. Stanchina, Ralph J. Stewart, Michael D. Stoffers, Ronald H. Stom (1), Jonathan C. Strickland, Dale P. Swoboda, Steven J. Toploski, Robert L. Vester, Roger F. Vinson, Allen F. Willey.  
SPECIALIST 4: John A. Daoust, Robert C. Garland, Larry E. Harris, James K. Hinton, Raymond E. Khol, Thurmond D. Menscer, Michael A. Paladino, Roger P. Shortt, Daniel W. Speed Jr., Michael J. Wingo.

## Retirements

COLONEL: William J. Clark, Harold E. Otiker.  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Raymond J. Adams, Joe D. Morgan, John E. Prettvman Jr.  
CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER 4: Robert C. Egbert.

## CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES

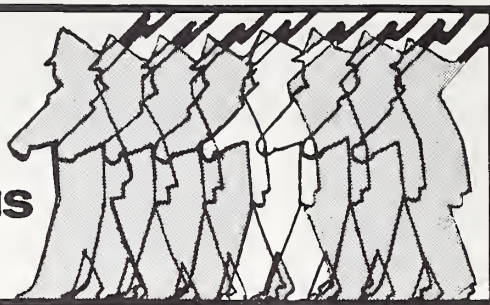
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## PERSONS BUREAU



Since our last issue, we've tracked down 15 other retirees who are either making a second career as civilians or enjoying the fruits of their military labors.

Thus far Virginia is home to the majority of our retirees. In Fairfax County former staff officers, Colonels **Carl L. Ziegler**, DCSOPS, and **William S. LaMee**, ADCSOPS, and Lieutenant Colonels **Himes W. Bolinger**, ADCSFOR, and **Earl L. Stackhouse**, ADCSSEC, are working in the sheriff's office, and Lieutenant Colonel **George H. Temme Jr.**, ADCSCOM is a budget analyst for the Board of Education.

Former Arlington Hall Station's Garrison Commander, Lieutenant Colonel **Hugh Switzer** and First Sergeant **William P. Wolfenbarger** are employed by private firms, while First Sergeant **Bernie Morris** and Master

Sergeant **Arnold C. Thomas** are with the security guard force at Defense Intelligence Agency in Arlington.

In choosing Luray for his home, Master Sergeant **Robert J. Fox** found a second career—selling real estate. Having lived in Falls Church while serving as Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, Lieutenant Colonel **Robert Williams** decided it was ideal for enjoying his retirement.

Florida offered second careers as well as sunshine to Colonel **John Merritt**, former commander of AHS Garrison, who is selling real estate in Cocoa Beach, and Sergeant First Class "**Dusty**" **Rodgers** who is selling cars in Orlando.

In California, Sergeant Major **Carl Weber** works for a private organization and Master Sergeant **William H. Hackett** repairs TV sets.

## Homes . . .

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too. Has the roof ever been re-shingled? Are the warranties still good on fixed appliances like the stove and dishwasher? Have there been any improvements made on the building?

Now comes the hard part—financing it all. The old adage that no more than a quarter of your income should go to housing doesn't necessarily apply here. Buying a home is also a capital investment.

But should anyone be making investments at a time when money is relatively tight with interest rates expanding beyond the eight per cent mark?

The answer is an individual thing of course. But consider you may own a house on payments often not much more than those of an apartment. And consider there's a way of by-passing those high-interest rates. It's called assuming a loan—in other words, taking over the mortgage of the former home owner which was probably contracted when interest rates were a great deal lower. The hitch in this system is that the assumption of a mortgage calls for a relatively sizeable down-payment—up to whatever the mortgagee has already paid off. And once you become a home owner and wish to sell, the problem becomes finding someone else with enough money to assume your mortgage.

## Loan Possibilities

Where can you raise the necessary money? The FHA provides for in-service loans to military personnel with more than two years active duty, as does the VA. If you possess certain types of life insurance, you can borrow off that (at a reduced rate of coverage).

In any event, get a lawyer to guide you through the myriad of red tape, clauses and sub-clauses that the party of the first part and the party of the second must settle. Unfortunately, the Staff Judge Advocate is not available for this sort of work but he can recommend local real estate lawyers.

Remember, a man's home is his castle. A cautious eye can keep him from floundering in the moat.



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## Ideas & Opinion

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# The Learning Challenge

by LTC Robert I. Carney Jr.

The nineteenth century Scottish philosopher, Thomas Carlyle, wrote of learning, "An educated man stands in the midst of a boundless arsenal filled with all of the weapons which man's skill has been able to devise from the earliest times."

This arsenal of knowledge is likewise the Army's greatest weapon. The rapid advance of technology has presented us with many challenges but none so great as the need for educated men. The traditional stereotype of the soldier who reacts but does not reason is today an anachronism. For the soldier of the seventies is tasked with responsibilities that challenge his mental skills to a degree far greater than in the past.

One of the great lessons of Vietnam is that, with the increasing sophistication of weaponry, proper training is paramount in ensuring the maximum advantage from our superior technological capabilities. This sophisticated level of warfare, in turn, requires men who can seize the initiative rather than having to be told—soldiers so thoroughly proficient that they will succeed even with minimal supervision.

Hence, the Army's future will rest heavily upon the skill and drive of the educated soldier.

Similarly, the increasing complexity of the USASA mission presents us with an exceptionally crucial learning challenge—requiring a dedication to self-training which, in large part, determines whether we succeed or fail in our vital role. Each man in the Army Security Agency is faced with a responsibility as great and a mission as significant as he will ever confront. And the success of each man, in turn, determines the success of our entire operation. Thus we must place a premium on education.

H. G. Wells, in his famous *Outline of History*, writes, "Human history is becoming more and more a race between education and catastrophe." Wells' perceptivity can be applied admirably to our situation in the Agency—with learning the difference be-

tween accomplishment and futility. And with education being the determinant of our degree of success, we would do well to review the many educational opportunities available to us as soldiers.

Resident college programs, of course, provide an excellent opportunity for upper level academic development. As a product of the University of Maryland system—both in graduate and under graduate work—I can personally attest that a meaningful and balanced education can be attained in non-duty hours. And equally significant for the enlisted soldier, each semester hour earned in off-duty time yields four times the promotion points afforded an hour for a similar course accredited by a civilian institution. Hence, the opportunity for rapid promotion is greatly enhanced through time providently spent in resident courses offered on military posts.

Additionally, two exceedingly rewarding civilian schooling opportunities are currently being emphasized by the Department of the Army. [Editor's Note: These programs and others are described briefly on page 5 of this issue and will be explained at length in future Hallmark articles.]

I cannot over emphasize the importance of the role that college training programs play in developing the professionalism and technical skills that today's Army so vitally needs. I know of no civilian industry that can match these educational opportunities and as applicants are currently being sought by DA, I strongly urge any career-minded Agency soldier to apply.

The possibilities for educational improvement and advancement while in the service are limitless. And only a little initiative can launch an enterprising young soldier on a most fascinating and rewarding academic experience. As the American poet, George E. Woodbury, wrote at the turn of the century, "Education has but one basic factor—one must want it."



# The United Nations



Twenty-five years ago, delegates from 50 nations met in San Francisco to seek a formula that, through international cooperation, would lead to opportunities for a better life in a peaceful world.

From that meeting emerged a charter, ratified Oct. 24, 1945, committing and dedicating the nations to promoting and preserving peace, justice and progress.

In observance of the 25th anniversary of the United Nations, President Richard Nixon has proclaimed Oct. 24, 1970 as United Nations Day. In so doing, he said, "If our UN policies are to be effective, they must engage the attention of a concerned and informed citizenry. We must strive for the greatest possible participation of our population, including the youth of the country, in determining our future participation in the UN."

Accordingly, communities have been urged to contribute to realistic understanding of and support for the United Nations and its associated organizations. Similarly, federal and state governments, and agencies of communications have been asked to help encourage observance of UN Day.

Underlying the President's request for citizen concern and participation in observing the founding of the United Nations is his stated desire to "appraise candidly the ability of the UN to achieve fully the aims of its charter; examine objectively the strengths and weaknesses of the organization; and search intensely for practical and realistic ways to improve the effectiveness of its agencies." (ANF)